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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, RP

SUBJECT: US ASYLUM AND RP DISSIDENTS

1. DURING RECENT SPEECH DELIVERED BEFORE MANILA LION'S CLUB, COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION EDMUNDO M. REYES STATED THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO BEAR OUT REPORTS THAT FILIPINO DISSIDENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN ASYLUM OR SANCTUARY IN U.S. FURTHER, THEY HAVE NO RIGHTFUL CLAIM TO SUCH SANCTUARY UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW OR DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE, HE SAID. FILIPINO DISSIDENTS REMAIN IN UNITED STATES ON SUFFRANCE, REYES POINTED OUT, SITUATION WHICH COULD CHANGE IF THEIR ACTIVITIES PLACED UNDUE STRAIN ON US-PHILIPPINE RELATIONS. IN ANY EVENT, REYES CONTINUED, SO-CALLED DISSIDENT MOVEMENT IN US IS PROBABLY INCONSEQUENTIAL. OTHERWISE, AMERICA, CLOSE FRIEND AND ALLY OF PHILIPPINES, WOULD NOT TOLERATE ITS PRESENCE. REYES, DEFINING ASYLUM OR SANCTUARY UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, SAID IT IS TO AFFORD PROTECTION FOR PERSONS CHARGED WITH POLITICAL OFFENSES. NONE OF FILIPINOS REPORTEDLY SEEKING ASYLUM OR SANCTUARY IN AMERICA IS ACCUSED OF POLITICAL OFFENSE OR IS IN IMMINENT DANGER OF INCARCERATION OR FACED WITH LOSS OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM, HE SAID, AND IT WOULD THEREFORE BE "FRIVOLOUS" FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS TO CLAIM ASYLUM IN UNITED STATES. HE ALSO DEcriED ATTEMPTS TO LINK DISSIDENTS CLAIM TO US ASYLUM TO UNIVERSAL

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DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. COMMENT: BELIEF THAT US HAS GRANTED MANGLAPUS ASYLUM IS COMMON IN PHILIPPINES EVEN IN GOP CIRCLES AND HIS CONTINUED ANTI-MARCOS ACTIVITIES IN US AND ABROAD RANKLE GOP OUT OF ALL PROPORTION TO HIS REPUTED INFLUENCE. SUBJECT OF ASYLUM REKINDLED BY MIJARES DEFECTION. WHILE CLEARLY ATTEMPTING TO SUGGEST TO HIS AUDIENCE THAT US WOULD NOT (AND SHOULD NOT) HONOR SUCH DISSIDENTS WITH ASYLUM, WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE REYES HAD ANYTHING MORE PURPOSEFUL IN MIND SUCH AS RECENT INS REGULATIONS (8 CFR 108).  
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